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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEEPWATER PORT AGREEMENT

REF: MONROVIA 6476

1. A U.S. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT HE HAD FURNISHED DR. FRANK WISWALL, ADMIRALTY COUNSEL, OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, WITH A COPY OF NOTES EXCHANGED JULY 11 BY THE U.S. AND NORWAY. THE NOTES STATE THAT NORWEGIAN VESSELS UTILIZING U.S. DEEPWATER PORTS SHALL, WHILE PRESENT IN SUCH PORTS, BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORWAY, ON THE SAME BASIS AS WHEN IN COASTAL PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS THE STANDARD FORMAT FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING U.S. DEEPWATER PORTS; SIMILAR NOTES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN EXCHANGED WITH SWEDEN AND DENMARK. OVERTURES HAVE
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BEEN MADE TO A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES OFFERING TO NEGOTIATE LIKE AGREEMENTS.

2. THE DOT OFFICIAL STATED THAT DR. WISWALL'S ONLY CONCERN WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NOTE WAS PROTECTION OF LIBERIAN TREATY RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S.-LIBERIAN FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION TREATY OF 1938. HE

INFORMED DR. WISWALL BY LETTER THAT THE DEEPWATER PORT ACT RECOGNIZES LIBERIAN RIGHTS UNDER THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. DR. WISWALL APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THIS ANSWER, BUT REQUESTED THAT THE DOT TRANSMIT THE SAME MESSAGE SIGNED BY A HIGHER LEVEL DOT OFFICIAL. WE ARE STILL AWAITING A COPY OF THIS.

3. COPIES OF THE US-NORWEGIAN EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE AFOREMENTIONED LETTER TO DR. WISWALL HAVE BEEN POUCHED. CHRISTOPHER

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